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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed December 16, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested. Accompanying this Amendment are (i) a Submission of Formal Drawings; and (ii) a Sequence Listing (paper and computer-readable copies).

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please delete lines 4-7 and insert therefor: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/135,516, filed November 25, 1998, the content of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.--

On page 9, line 31, replace "2A and 2B" with --2A1, 2A2, 2B1, 2B2 and 2B3--.

On page 30, line 2, delete "gnomic" and insert therefor --genomic--.

On page 43, line 2, replace "FIG. 2" with --FIGS. 2A1, 2A2, 2B1, 2B2 and 2B3--.